



# Homeland Response Force (HRF)

## Highlights

- Activated under the control of the Governor
- Deploys and conducts command and control (C2); works alongside first responders in: Search and Extraction (S&E); Decontaminations (DECON); Casualty Assistance (CASE), Medical Triage and Stabilization (MEDEL), and Fatality Search and Recovery (FSRT).
- Can operate in regional and national level
- HAZMAT Awareness Operations level certified
- Total of 10 HRF's; one per FEMA Region
- Capable of managing additional NG response units involved in a catastrophic
- Bridges coordination between NG response and Federal capabilities
- Casualty Assistance Support Element (CASE) provides
  - Multi-faceted section
  - Provide Force Protection (from disruptive victims / Incident stragglers)
  - General site security
  - Litter bearers



## A broad range of capabilities at a moment's notice

**Mission:** When directed by proper authority and consent of the governor(s), the HRF alerts and assembles within 6-12 hours; on order, deploys and conducts command and control (C2); search and extraction (S&E); decontamination (DECON); casualty assistance (CASE); medical triage and stabilization (MEDEL); and fatality search and recovery (FSRT) to save lives and mitigate human suffering. The Joint Incident Site Communications Capability (JISCC) ensures that the CERFP can communicate with local, state, and federal partners. On order, transitions operations to civil authorities and redeployes.

**Overview:** The Adjutant General may employ the HRF to support the state response under the direction of the governor or to support another state's response under a supported governor.

- There are 10 National Guard (NG) HRFs. Regionally oriented, HRFs are hosted by one state in each of the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) regions. HRF's are hosted in WA, CA, UT, TX, MO, GA, OH, NY, MA, and PA. In Region I, HRF units are stationed in multiple states (MA and VT). In Region II, HRF units are also stationed in multiple states (NY and NJ).
- Each HRF is comprised of 574 Army and Air NG personnel. The core of each HRF is Chemical, Biological, Radiological, and Nuclear (CBRN) response capability similar to that found in the existing 17 CBRNE Enhanced Response Force Package (CERFPs), HRFs have substantial command and control and security capability.
- The HRFs operate alongside other NG-sourced CBRNE Consequence Management forces that include Weapons of Mass Destruction Civil Support Teams (WMD-CSTs) and CERFPs. The federal-controlled elements include Defense CBRNE Response Force (DCRF). The state and federal responses make up the CBRN Response Enterprise (CRE) consisting of almost 20,000 Service Members.
- Emergency Management Assistance Compact (EMAC) remains the mechanism for interstate employment – under state control.